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SUBJECT: WINDUP ON AGEE

REF: GEORGETOWN 1832

SUMMARY: PHILLIP AGEE'S VISIT TO JAMAICA AND HIS ACTIVITIES THERE WERE TAKEN NOTE OF BY GUYANESE BUT RECEIVED ONLY MODERATE--NOT FRONT PAGE-- COVERAGE IN THE PRO-GOG PRESS. THE OPPOSITION "MIRROR" CONTROLLED BY CHEDDI JAGAN, GAVE AGEE'S ACTIVITIES MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BUT THE MEDIA REPORTS AROUSED LITTLE APPARENT INTEREST HERE. JAGAN, WHO MET WITH AGEE IN JAMAICA, REPORTEDLY TRIED TO BRING HIM TO GUYANA BUT FAILED. WE SUSPECT THAT PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM FEARED POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR HIMSELF AS A SPINOFF OF THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH PHILLIP AGEE'S REPORTED DEPARTURE FROM THE CARIBBEAN AREA, THIS EMBASSY, AND PERHAPS PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM TOO, BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN WILLS IN WHICH HE INDICATED HE OPPOSED ANY AGEE VISIT TO GUYANA (REFTEL), WE HEARD REPORTS, INCLUDING ONE FROM AGRICULTURE MINISTER GAVIN KENNARD, THAT OPPOSITION LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN WAS PLANNING TO BRING  
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AGEE TO GUYANA. KENNARD, IN RELAYING THIS INFORMATION TOUS,

ALSO EXPRESSED AVERSION TO HAVING AGEE VISIT GUYANA.

2. JAGAN REPORTEDLY HAD THREE MEETINGS WITH AGEE IN JAMAICA AND BROUGHT BACK A FILM, PRODUCED BY "GRENADA" FILMS IN THE UK. HE EXHIBITED THIS FILM DURING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ELECTIONS OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS (TUC) AND USED OTHER INFORMATION, REPORTEDLY ABOUT AIFLD, TO SUPPORT ARGUMENTS THAT TUC SHOULD SEVER TIES WITH WESTERN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

3. PRESS COVERAGE IN GUYANA OF AGEE'S ALLEGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA WERE LIMITED TO TWO ARTICLES ON INSIDE PAGES OF THE PRO-GO  
U "GUYANA CHRONICLE" PLUS SOME ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY IN THE OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER "THE MIRROR".

4. BURNHAM, DURING A SOCIAL ENCOUNTER SEPTEMBER 25, ASKED ME IN A JOKING MANNER ABOUT AGEE'S ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA. IN REPLYING, I MENTIONED REPORTS THAT JAGAN WAS PLANNING TO BRING AGEE TO GUYANA, AND IN MY VIEW SUCH A VISIT WOULD NOT BE OF USE TO ANYONE EXCEPT JAGAN. DURING THIS CONVERSATION, BURNHAM DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE FELT ABOUT A POSSIBLE AGEE VISIT.

5. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT, FEARING POSSIBLE RE-AIRING BY JAGAN OF ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ASSISTANCE TO BURNHAM DURING LATTER'S ASCENT TO POWER, BURNHAM WANTED NO VISIT BY PHILLIP AGEE UNDER JAGAN'S AUSPICES. OVERALL, THE GUYANESE SEEMED TO ASSUME A RATHER "HO HUM" ATTITUDE ABOUT AGEE'S ALLEGATIONS IN JAMAICA  
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